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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

As a consumer of broadband internet I have made a very clear choice to give my business to a locally owned and operated provider, Sonic in Sonoma County. I find their prices competitive, their community involvement inspiring, and their service impeccable. However it has come to my attention that their ability to compete fairly in the marketplace might be disrupted by a USTelecom petition that the FCC dismantle key components of the 1996 Telecommunications Act.

Please do not allow this to happen. Competition is at the heart of any healthy economy. Not only will this petition potentially impact access to the internet for those already struggling to pay their bills, but it will ensure that control of internet access will remain in the grip of fewer and ultimately more powerful providers.

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